

Miramar air show salutes Marine aviation



An AV-8B Harrier hovers over the flight line prior to take off during the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show Oct. 3 to 5. The air show is part of San Diego's annual Fleet Week observance. *Cpl. Shawn M. Dickens/Chevron*

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The world's best military and civilian pilots soared through the San Diego skies during the annual Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Air Show Oct. 3 to 5. The theme was "A Salute to Marine Aviation."

Thousands of spectators gathered at Miramar to observe the high-flying acrobatics of all the aerial performers and view the numerous types of aircraft from old warbirds to the newest technology of stealth fighter jets in over 100 static display exhibits.

Military aviation performances included the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels and a Marine Air Ground Task Force simulated combat demonstration. Other military performances included the Marine Corps AV-8B Harrier, the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, the Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcon and a demo by the F-22 Raptor.

Civilian performers included the Patriots jet team, John Collver in his AT-6 Texan named "War Dog," Bill Reesman in his red MiG-17, Ed Hamill and the Air Force Reserves Pitts Special and Shockley's Shockwave Peterbilt Jet Truck.

Red Ribbon Week begins Oct. 23

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The history behind the national anti-drug movement, Red Ribbon Week, was inspired by a former Marine's efforts to stop drug traffickers from growing and distributing illicit drugs both in the United States and abroad.

Enrique Camarena, a former Marine and Drug Enforcement Administration agent, dedicated his life to

stopping the effects of drugs in his community. As part of Red Ribbon Week held from Oct. 23 to 31, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego's Substance Abuse Counseling Center manned a booth at Duncan Hall Oct. 3 to show and inform Marines and sailors how the inspiration of one man's efforts can make a difference.

Camarena was tortured and murdered by drug traffickers in Mexico for his efforts to

stop the flow of illegal drugs. Honoring his memory and his fight against drugs, Camarena's family and friends began to wear red buttons to show their support.

"Red Ribbon Week is a great way that the nation can support the war on drugs," said Frank Chavez, drug demand reduction coordinator, SACC, Marine Corps Community Services. "Drugs have destroyed many families, homes and military careers."



Drivers navigate their cars around the track during the 11th Annual Coronado Speed Festival Sept. 27. A spectator-friendly 1.7 mile course is constructed in a matter of days on the runways and taxiways of Naval Air Station North Island. The vintage racecars are chosen to compete on the basis of their historical significance and certified authenticity. Some of the cars on the track are valued at millions of dollars and, unlike most racing events, fans are invited to tour the pits and speak with the drivers of these unique machines.

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Traffic Management Offices use intranet to expedite "Do-IT-Yourself" move reimbursement

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Traffic Management Offices Marine Corps-wide are offering a new service to expedite the reimbursement process for Do-IT-Yourself moves.

"When Marines relocate to a new duty station, it can be a hassle to submit their paperwork in to get reimbursed for a DITY move," said Sgt.

Jacob R. Burling, household goods noncommissioned officer-in-charge at the depot TMO. "Using this new process will decrease a Marine's wait time by weeks, even months."

In the past, Marines had to send their paperwork and receipts by mail to the Transportation Voucher Certification Division in Albany, Ga. If no discrepancies were found in the paperwork, Marines would receive

reimbursement in six to eight weeks. However, if there were any mistakes in filling out their vouchers, this would sometimes delay reimbursement by months, said Burling.

Using the new procedure, TMO personnel can upload completed travel voucher packages to a share-point intranet site that can be accessed by TVCD more efficiently. The site also allows TMO and TVCD personnel to track the military

member's paperwork as its being processed.

"The best thing about this share-point site is being able to track the paperwork so we can give the Marines an exact date of when they'll get paid," said Burling, of Billings, Mont. "Marines can receive their travel claims as early as three days."

During the busy season from May to August, Burling said reimbursements could take up to 21 days.

Although the new service is available to all Marines, only major Marine Corps installations with Traffic Management Branches carry the ability to upload to the share-point site. Those being assigned to independent duty or reserve stations must submit their paperwork by mail.

For more information on DITY moves, access the Marine Corps Logistics Command site at www.logcom.usmc.mil/tvcd.



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Chaplain Vincent Capodanno: A model of selfless sacrifice

BY CHAPLAIN LT. DAVID J. CARLSON
1st Recruit Training Battalion

In the biblical text of Philippians 2:3 we read these poignant words, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourself." This simple mandate encapsulates the essence of what it means to possess the mindset, or ethos, of selfless sacrifice – always humbly seeking the good and welfare of others above oneself.

This ethos of selfless sacrifice is what the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps would like to see flourishing in the hearts and minds of each of its chaplains. Indeed, the 21st century Chaplain Corps’ motto reads simply, Vocati ad Servitium – "Called to Serve." Perhaps no other chaplain better exemplified the true meaning of this motto than Father Vincent Capodanno, a Navy chaplain who served with the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, during Vietnam. His story is both heroic and inspiring.

At 4:30 a.m. on Sept. 4, 1967, in the Thang Binh District of the Que-Son Valley of Vietnam, elements of the 1st Bn, 5th Marines, found a large North Vietnamese unit near the village of Dong Son. Operation Swift was subsequently put into motion. During this fierce battle, many Marines were killed or wounded. It was during the operation that Capodanno showed the world what selfless sacrifice really looked like. For his gallantry and selfless bravery, Capodanno was awarded the Medal of Honor, posthumously, in 1971. His citation reads:

Disregarding intense enemy small-arms, automatic-weapons, and mortar fire, Lt. Capodanno moved about the battlefield administering last rites to the dying and giving medical aid to the wounded. When an exploding mortar round inflicted painful multiple wounds to his arms and legs, and



severed a portion of his right hand, he steadfastly refused all medical aid. Instead, he directed the corpsmen to help their wounded comrades and, with calm vigor, continued to move about the battlefield as he provided encouragement by voice and example to the valiant Marines. Upon encountering a wounded corpsman in the direct line of fire of an enemy machine gunner positioned approximately 15 yards away, Lt. Capodanno rushed a daring attempt to aid and assist the mortally wounded corpsman. At that instant, only inches from his goal, he was struck down by a burst of machinegun fire. By his heroic conduct on the battlefield, and his inspiring example, Lt. Capodanno upheld the finest traditions of the US Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life in the cause of freedom.

Capodanno's dedication to "his Marines" as he called them, even to the point of his own death, reveals that he was an individual

who truly sought the good and welfare of others above himself. What is most striking is that he was given repeated opportunities to be airlifted out of the firefight, but insisted that wounded Marines be taken out instead—his Marines always came first. Since 1971, several military chapels and a Navy fast frigate have been named in honor of Capodanno, enabling his memory to live on in the hearts and minds of today’s Marines and sailors. Indeed, let us never forget this brave chaplain’s tremendous legacy, for he is an inspiration and model for all of us in the military — not just chaplains — to daily embrace the ethos of selfless sacrifice, for ultimately we are all called to serve. Today, the Marines of Company C, "my Marines," graduate from recruit training and will continue their service in the Marine Corps at their follow-on commands, but they will always be my Marines.

Precautions can reduce earthquake damage

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California is the highest earthquake risk state in America, since the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. Although California has not had an earthquake with a magnitude greater than 8.0, earthquakes with a 6.5 magnitude have occurred an average of every four years, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Earthquakes are caused by breaking and shifting rock beneath the earth. According to FEMA, among the damages that earthquakes can cause are:

- collapse of building, bridges and other structures
- disruption of gas, electric and phone service
- landslides, avalanches, flash floods, fires and destructive ocean waves

Although no one can predict when the next earthquake will occur, proper precautions can be taken to lessen the damage.

Earthquake Preparedness Checklist
All information was gathered from FEMA and the MCRD San Diego Disaster Program.

- Check for hazards in the home**
- fasten shelves securely to walls
 - place large or heavy objects on lower shelves
 - store breakable items such as bottled foods, glass and china in low, closed cabi-

- nets with latches
- hang heavy items such as pictures and mirrors away from beds, couches and anywhere people sit, and make sure they are securely attached to the wall
 - brace overhead light fixtures
 - repair defective electrical wiring and leaky gas connections – these are potential fire risks
 - secure a water heater by strapping it to the wall studs
 - repair any deep cracks in ceilings or foundations
 - get expert advice if there are signs of structural defects
 - store weed killers, pesticides, and flammable products securely in closed cabinets with latches and on bottom shelves.

- Identify safe places in each area of your house**
- under sturdy furniture (i.e., a heavy desk or table)
 - against an inside wall
 - away from where glass could shatter around windows, mirrors, pictures, or where heavy bookcases or other heavy furniture could fall over

- Locate safe places outdoors**
- in the open, away from buildings, trees, telephone and electrical lines, overpasses, or elevated expressways
 - make sure all family members know how to respond after an earthquake.
 - teach all family members how and

- when to turn off gas, electricity, and water
- teach children how and when to call 9-1-1, police or the fire department, and which radio station to tune to for emergency information
 - have disaster supplies to last 72 hours
 - flashlight and extra batteries
 - portable battery-operated radio and extra batteries
 - first-aid kit and manual
 - emergency food and water
 - non-electric can opener
 - essential medicines
 - cash and credit cards
 - sturdy shoes
 - hygiene items

- Develop an emergency communication plan**
- In case family members are separated from one another during an earthquake (a real possibility during the day when adults are at work and children are at school), develop a plan for reuniting after the disaster.
- Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the family contact. After a disaster, it may be easier to call long distance. Make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address, and phone number of the contact person.
- For frequently asked questions on earthquakes and to view a map of California's level of hazard in earthquake zones and the most recent earthquakes, go to the U.S. Geological Survey Website at www.usgs.gov.

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Ball Gown Giveaway and Fashion Show

MCCS Family Readiness will host its 6th annual Ball Gown Giveaway and Fashion Show on the depot Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Bay View restaurant. Doors open at 4 p.m. Military spouses may choose and take home a gown. The event is open to active duty, reservists, retirees and DoD personnel and their guests. The deadline for registration and free child-care is today. For more information, call (619) 524-0916.

Make a Difference Day Walk and Expo

MCRD San Diego will host the third annual Make a Difference Day Walk Oct. 18 at 9 a.m. at the MCRD Mall. The event demonstrates social responsibility by raising awareness of breast cancer prevention and domestic violence prevention. The event is open to active duty, retirees, DoD employees and their guests. Registration is at 7:30 a.m., on the day of the event, or sign up on line at www.mcrdsd.com. Call Kelley Sitar at (619) 524-5655 for information.

MMOA monitor team

A Manpower Management Officer Assignments monitor team will visit the depot Oct. 20. The team will present a briefing for officers from 8 to 10 a.m., in building 7W. Officers assigned to MCRD are required to attend, and those assigned to ETWCGPAC, Coronado, are encouraged to attend. The briefing will cover command screening, PME opportunities and career development. Officers who want a personal interview with counselors and/or monitors should submit their names to their respective unit adjutants. Interviews are restricted to FY09 movers, followed by FY10, FY11 and FY12. Call (619) 524-8733 for information and to schedule an interview appointment.

MCRD varsity football

The MCRD men’s varsity football team is looking for active duty Marines, sailors and Coast Guardsmen aboard or attached to MCRD who are committed to playing competitive football. Scheduled games at Camp Pendleton: **Oct. 21, 7 p.m. Titans vs Cannon Cocks**
Oct. 28, 7 p.m. Titans vs Mad Dawgs
Playoffs TBD
For information, contact Capt. Richard Fay at (619) 524-1768 or at richard.j.fay@usmc.mil.

19th Annual Military Women’s Luncheon

The annual Military Women’s Luncheon will be held at the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Officer’s Club Nov. 1. Brig. Gen. Angie Salinas, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego/Western Recruiting Region, is the guest speaker. The event will begin with a social hour at 11 a.m., followed by the luncheon at noon and the program at 1 p.m. Reservations are required and must be made by Oct. 20. Tickets are \$25 per person. Make checks payable to: Military Women’s Luncheon, and mail to Toni Lopez, 4950 Treasure Dr., La Mesa, Ca. 91941. Walk-ins will not be accepted. Call (619) 462-6081 for information.

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Eleazar “E.R.” Rodriguez, a newly designated Honorary Marine, sits behind the wheel of Recruiting Station Phoenix’s enhanced area canvassing and marketing vehicle, an H3, Sept. 27 at Rodriguez’s house in Phoenix. Sgt. Ashley L. Unfried-Snipes/RS Phoenix

Honorary Marine sets example of courage, commitment

BY SGT. ASHLEY L. UNFRIED-SNIPES
RS Phoenix

The story of “The Little Engine That Could,” is used to inspire youth to never give up; that perseverance will help achieve any goal. Its motto of “I think I can,” teaches optimism no matter the task. The Marine Corps has its own Little Engine That Could in Eleazar Rodriguez or “E.R.” as he’s known to friends and family. Rodriguez absorbs any piece of Marine Corps knowledge and shares it with anyone who will listen. He wants nothing more from life than to be a United States Marine, but he can’t because his body won’t let him; he has juvenile polycystic astrocytoma, a form of cancer that has given him tumors, the most recent increasingly disabling the left side of his body. That hasn’t stopped the Marine Corps from bringing Rodriguez into its ranks. On Sept. 27, he was made an Honorary Marine on behalf of the Commandant of the Marine Corps. The first Honorary Marine title was bestowed in January 1992. The Honorary Marine title is designed to reinforce the special bond between the America’s civilians and its Marine Corps by recognizing those who have made extraordinary contributions to the Marine Corps. It is based on service and support to the Marine Corps that clearly surpasses the norm. There have been only about 60 titles bestowed since its creation, making Rodriguez one of the few and proud. In Rodriguez’s case it was for going above and beyond in supporting his local recruiter by positively influencing 12 high school students in his school, which indirectly affected their decision to join the Marine Corps.

Rodriguez’s service to the Marine Corps started when he was five years old, according to Luly Rodriguez, his mother. Andrew, a close family friend wanted to enlist, and Rodriguez saw how Andrew looked forward to becoming a Marine. After Andrew enlisted, Rodriguez knew he too wanted to be a Marine. “He said, ‘That’s it, that’s what I want to be,’” said Luly. “And ever since he’s been so involved with the Marines. “E.R. was our news guy, he was our CNN,” she said. “He always kept up and knew where the Marines were and what they were doing.” But when Rodriguez finished with his first round of radiation and chemotherapy treatments, a wave of disappointment settled on him. “He found out he wouldn’t be able to enlist because of his disability,” said Luly. “He said, ‘I’m going to get through this and then I’m going to be a Marine... somehow.’” He has done well through most of the battles his body has endured. Unfortunately, he lost much of his eyesight through the early part of the process and now he has another tumor. “I’ve not once heard him say ‘I’ll never be able to do what I want to do,’” said Luly. “He’s never looked back.” Twelve years after he was first diagnosed, Rodriguez is headed to surgery again to remove the tumor. The purpose of the surgery is to try to remove as much of the tumor as possible and relieve the pressure in his brain that’s causing paralysis on the left side of his body. The concern with the surgery is how close the tumor is to the memory portion of his brain. From test results, doctors found the tumor had doubled in size

in two months, and they decided that he had to go into surgery quickly. The other day as Luly was telling a friend on the phone the latest update, Rodriguez said, “Let’s not use the word ‘try’ from here on. I just want to hear you say they are going to remove that tumor.” It is that kind of positive attitude that has touched and drawn others to Rodriguez. Throughout the years, the 16-year-old has accumulated a huge support system in the people whose lives he’s touched along the way. Rodriguez had such a significant impact on one of his friend’s mother, Cheryl Ayers, that she took his dream of becoming a Marine a step further. When Rodriguez found out Sept. 9 he would have to have another brain surgery, Ayers wrote to Arizona Senator Jon Kyl asking him to consider giving Rodriguez the honorary title of Marine. “This was his wish, and I wanted to see what I could do for him,” said Ayers. In a ceremony at the Rodriguez residence, family and friends gathered to see Rodriguez’s wish come true. From the day the letter was sent to the day the proclamation arrived in Arizona, it only took 18 days. “I’m absolutely humbled to be a part of this,” said Col. Mark Toal, commanding officer, 8th Marine Corps District, during Rodriguez’s ceremony. “The adversity that E.R. has faced through his life has certainly shown the core values of honor, courage and commitment. He has the utmost respect from every Marine here today.” Along with being bestowed with the Honorary Marine title for his unyielding support and devotion to Corps and country, Rodriguez received a certificate of commendation as well as a plaque on

behalf of 8th MCD for his inspiration to the Marines of Recruiting Substation Chandler. “There are more than a dozen cases where I can say honestly that E.R. made a huge impact on a person enlisting in the Marine Corps,” said Staff Sgt. Wayne M. Robins, recruiter, RSS Chandler. Robins had the privilege of working two schools E.R. has attended. “E.R. had more of an impact on the community of students than even the quarterback,” said Robins. He added that Rodriguez’s passion for the Marine Corps moves everyone to whom he speaks. “I could sit and make 20 phone calls and maybe talk to five guys (about the benefits of joining the Marines), but E.R. can talk to five guys in one room and have a far greater impact because of who he is.” The high school junior is more mature than the average students his age, according to Robins. “He’s not an emotional guy or someone who’s going to sit there and cry about what’s happening to him. He’s much more stern... like a Marine,” said Robins. He came through the surgery and was even chatting with family a few hours after. The immediate concern is infection but the doctors projected a six month recovery time, three months of which will be for physical therapy to help him regain movement on his left side. The little engine that could for the Corps is still chug-chugging along. For Rodriguez, the mountain still has no peak, but he’s not going to stop climbing. According to Robins, he can’t. “He told me, ‘I can’t die. Marines aren’t allowed to die unless they get permission.’ I told him, that’s right, you don’t have permission yet.”

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Company C recruits scales down the wall of the depot’s 60-foot rappel tower Sept. 26. The rappel tower is one portion of the confidence course exercise and is used during basic training to help recruits overcome fears and build confidence. *Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron*



Recruit Charles L. Lowe, Platoon 1050, Company C, tries to regain his man on the ground is a drill instructor who assists recruits off the rop



Sergeant Moises Ruizmarquez, Instructional Training Company drill in depot’s rappel tower. *Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron*

Company C recruits fight fears one obs

BY LANCE CPL. JOSE NAVA
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Fear is a chemical reaction in the human brain that causes the heart to race, an increase in breathing and energizes the muscles. In the presence of fear, there are only two ways to react—“fight or flight.”

At Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, Sept. 26, the recruits of Company C learned to confront their fears and build their confidence by facing all the challenges of boot camp head-on by rappelling down the depot’s rappel tower.

“One of the biggest fears recruits have to overcome is their fear of heights, and what better place to do that then on the rappel tower,” said Sgt. Stefan G. Endicott, drill instructor, Company C. “The rappel tower is designed to help recruits get over their flight instinct.”

The depot’s rappel tower stands 60 feet high and has two levels where recruits can conduct rappelling exercises. Recruits get classes on fast roping, rappelling off the wall and through the hell hole, which is a hole located at a helicopter’s fuselage.

When fast roping, a method used for quick insertion into an area from a helicopter, recruits grab hold of the rope with their hands and feet and slide down it similar to a fire fighter descending a pole in a firehouse. This is the first technique recruits learn and is the fastest and most dangerous insertion technique—dangerous because the



footing after slipping while rappelling down the tower wall. The belay
e. Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron



Company C recruit Pvt. Edmund R. Gary, Platoon 1051, rappels through
the tower's "hell hole." The term "hell hole" refers to the hole in a
helicopter's fuselage that allows Marines rapid egress in battle.
Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron



structor, briefs trainees on how to properly rappel from the

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ly safety gear used is gloves.
"I'm excited about rappelling," said Recruit Justin K.
Carver, Platoon 1053, Company C. "It was easy, and
recruits should have nothing to be scared about when they
this portion of training."
The other fast-rope technique taught is from the hell
le, which is useful for deploying Marines from a heli-
opter to places that the helicopter is unable to access or
nd.
Lastly, recruits scale down the side of the wall to
mulate rappelling down the side of a building. While
nducting both fast roping through the hell hole and
pelling on the side of the wall, recruits are required to
ar all the safety gear including gloves, Kevlar, ropes and
arabineer.
Once the recruits make it safely to the ground, they
e instructed to jog backwards in order to unhook them-
selves from the rope and demonstrate a jumping-jack to
ow the instructors that they are off the rope.
"When I looked at the tower I was a bit frightened,"
d Recruit Michael Ossner, Platoon 1055, Company C.
ut I wanted to get it out of the way because it was anoth-
obstacle in my path to becoming a Marine."
Execution of the rappel tower is one of the final events
recruits will complete during the 3rd Phase of recruit
ining. For most recruits, this will possibly be the only
ne they participate in rappelling, but it will likely re-
in a memorable experience, said Endicott.



A Company C recruit fast ropes down the rappel tower. Fast roping is a quick insertion technique that allows the most
rapid descent from above. It is one of three types of rappelling techniques recruits learn while in recruit training.
Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron

Sudan native comes to America, earns eagle, globe and anchor

BY CPL. ROBERT W. BEAVER
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When awarded the eagle, globe and anchor and being called Marine for the first time, Pvt. Angony M. Wour, Platoon 1056, Company C, was overwhelmed by emotion. His first thoughts were about his family back home in Des Moines, Iowa, and the hardships they had overcome, as well as the Marines standing beside him. When he was eight years old, Wour and his family escaped a destitute lifestyle

in Southern Sudan where his parents, siblings, uncle and cousins spent most of each day searching for food. When the crops grew, locust and stink bug swarms frequently ruined the crops. When the rainy season came, the land flooded and many people were killed. Fishing for catfish provided a decent food source but the stench of the fish attracted wild animals into the area that threatened the livestock.

The land was also plagued with warring tribes. Wour remembers times as a child when tribesmen murdered members of his clan. Sudanese life was too dangerous for Wour and his family. They fled to Kenya as refugees. In Kenya, Wour and his family had an opportunity to leave for America; he was scared though because he

did not know what to expect. However, his family found an American sponsor in Kenya who would help them settle in America. Wour remembers little about his family's sponsor except for her name. "I don't know much about our sponsor, but I am very grateful for what she has done for my family," said Wour. His sponsor provided an apartment for Wour's family in Iowa. Wour was shocked when he first arrived in the country because he had never seen such a diverse group of people. "I realized they were people too and no different than me," said Wour. "I became friends with a lot of my peers." Wour assimilated into American society and became a typical teenager. He spent time with friends at the mall. He also played high school basketball and ran cross-country track for Roosevelt High School in Des Moines. When he began high school, Wour remembers a military recruiter presence. He had always been interested in the military since his father served as a Sudanese soldier. Wour also felt a need to give back to the country that welcomed his family. He began looking into military service. "The Army offered me money and the Navy and Air Force did not interest me," said Wour. "The Marines offered something different. They offered a sense of pride

and belonging, which was exactly what I was looking for." Wour enlisted in the Marine Corps as an infantryman after graduation in 2008 because he thinks the job would be the best way he could contribute. "I want to help others just as America has helped my family," said Wour. "I want to help people of other countries find their freedom."

Wour said boot camp was easy at first because he was used to stressful environments based on where he has been. He grew close to his platoon mates and began developing relationships. Wour's boot camp challenge came during the Crucible, the 54-hour final training evolution. His legs became fatigued from the hiking, and he felt like giving up. But his teammates would not let him off as easily. Instead, they shouted encouraging words to Wour, and reminded him that he would be a Marine the following morning. "I saw his motivation throughout boot camp," said Sgt. Luis Sanchez, drill instructor, Platoon 1056. "He knew what he came here to do, and I think he is going to be a good Marine." Wour said that becoming a Marine feels fantastic and he has never had a better feeling. He will return to Des Moines with his family for 10 days of boot camp leave before reporting to the School of Infantry, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.



Pvt. Angony M. Wour, Platoon 1056, Company C. Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron



Pvt. Angony W. Wour packs his duffel bag for his journey home after 13-weeks of recruit training. Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron

Col. Bryan M. Rhoades
PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Col. Bryan M. "Dusty" Rhoades is the senior Marine in the Joint Staff J2. He is the reserve deputy director for staff support, responsible for providing augmentation support to Joint Staff intelligence planning, programming, budgeting and exercise coordination efforts. Rhoades has had two combat tours in Iraq. He was recalled to active duty in 2003,

and served as the assistant chief of staff G-2 for I Marine Expeditionary Force (forward) in Camp Babylon, Iraq, from April to October 2003 and then I MEF liaison to Combined Joint Task Force-7, Multi-National Force Iraq and Multi-National Corps Iraq, from January through August 2004. Rhoades' prior assignments include tours at Marine Forces Atlantic, the Joint Forces Intelligence Command, the Atlantic Intelligence Command, Headquarters Marine Corps, the office of the secretary

of defense, Headquarters Fleet Marine Force Pacific, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 3rd Bn., 5th Marines, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, and 3rd Bn., 9th Marines. His military awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, along with 13 campaign and unit awards. His civilian awards include the National Imaging and Mapping Agency Distinguished Civilian Service Medal.





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Recruited by
Sgt. J. Martinez



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PLATOON HONOR MAN
Pfc. J. W. Barrett
Saginaw, Texas
Recruited by
Sgt. J. Chacon



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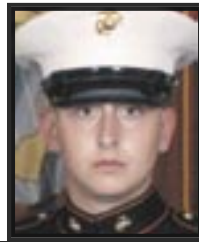
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Recruited by
Sgt. A. Davila



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Pfc. C. D. Bryant
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Marksmanship Instructor
Sgt. J. Scott



Platoon 1055
HIGH PFT (300)
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Pfc. T. J. Waugh
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Pvt. B. Atrisco
Pvt. C. W. Atworth
Pfc. P. M. Baldwin
Pvt. S. M. Becker
Pvt. M. R. Benton
Pfc. J. A. Bindley
Pvt. K. J. Black
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Pfc. C. D. Bryant
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Pfc. A. L. Fiehr
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Pfc. C. R. Brown
Pvt. C. R. Broyles
Pvt. K. G. Bryning
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Pvt. T. P. Cartwright
Pvt. S. A. Clayton
Pfc. B. T. Clemons
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Sgt. J. A. Deleon
Sgt. Z. B. Mott

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Pvt. H. Del Gado
Pfc. B. K. Diamond
Pvt. E. R. Diaz
Pfc. J. M. Frost
Pfc. S. A. Galeano
Pvt. J. A. Gallegos
Pvt. N. J. Gilchrist
Pfc. J. M. Gomez
Pvt. D. A. Gonzales
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Pvt. M. D. Wonch

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Pvt. R. J. Beich
Pvt. J. Z. Bernestine
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Pvt. A. R. Brewer
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Pvt. C. Casarez
Pvt. M. P. Casey
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Pvt. C. L. Fierro
Pvt. T. F. Fleming IV
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Pfc. M. A. Fulcher
Pvt. C. R. Goebel
Pfc. D. A. Gonzales
Pvt. R. K. Green
Pvt. C. R. Greene
Pfc. J. R. Gustafson
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Pfc. D. A. Navarro
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Pfc. W. H. Payne
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Pvt. A. M. Rocchio
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Pvt. R. M. Rodriguez
Pfc. J. M. Rovira-Torrez
Pvt. T. L. Rydberg
Pfc. D. W. Sager
Pvt. M. Salas
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Pvt. E. S. Hawke
Pvt. C. J. Herre
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Pvt. D. J. Kaus
Pvt. T. Kim
Pfc. J. G. Kobza
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Pvt. K. A. Krogh
Pvt. K. L. Lackey
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Pvt. E. S. Lopez
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Pfc. M. C. Ossner
Pfc. D. K. Parks
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Pvt. E. A. Powers
Pvt. M. T. Ramel
Pvt. M. M. Rayfield
Pfc. C. M. Reeder
Pfc. S. R. Regan
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Pvt. J. M. Ridder
Pvt. J. P. Rios
Pfc. C. G. Robinson
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Pvt. R. J. Sherrell
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Pfc. K. B. Skelton
Pfc. M. M. Smith
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Pvt. L. J. Weeks
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Pfc. S. M. McCorvey
Pvt. J. R. Miller
Pfc. M. J. Myers
Pvt. B. A. Myszka
Pvt. S. A. Nevins
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Pfc. R. O. Pendleton
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Pvt. A. V. Pisarenko
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Pvt. N. E. Quinata

Pvt. K. T. Rasch
Pvt. P. R. Ratliff
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Pvt. D. V. Richman
Pvt. M. J. Rivera
Pvt. B. A. Roberts
Pfc. A. J. Robinson
Pvt. G. T. Robinson
Pfc. X. F. Robles
Pvt. B. Z. Rodriguez
Pfc. C. M. Rose
Pvt. S. M. Rosen
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Pvt. K. A. Schrum
Pvt. R. W. Scruggs
Pvt. B. D. Selleck II
Pvt. D. D. Sellers
Pvt. R. A. Semides
Pfc. R. C. Sesma
Pfc. P. H. Sharr
*Pfc. S. E. Sherrill
Pvt. H. W. Shyers
Pvt. J. J. Slingluff Jr.
Pvt. J. S. Snodgrass
Pvt. B. A. Soto
Pfc. N. T. Southwick
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Pvt. N. E. Stoner
Pvt. K. D. Story
Pvt. C. P. Stout Jr.
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Pvt. E. D. Sullivan
Pfc. R. M. Sullivan
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Pvt. A. M. Tatum
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Pfc. M. D. Walters
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Pvt. N. C. Whitton
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Pfc. B. C. Williams
Pfc. C. M. Williams
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Participants head out on a three-mile running circuit at the depot’s 7th–Annual Boot Camp Challenge Saturday. The challenge, which includes a number of exercises and obstacles, has become an attraction during San Diego’s Fleet Week observance. Lance Cpl. Jose Nava/Chevron

Thousands mark Fleet Week, run depot’s Boot Camp Challenge

BY LANCE CPL. PAUL MATTHEW BROWN
Chevron staff

More than 3,400 civilians and service members joined forces to take on Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego’s annual Boot Camp Challenge event Saturday morning.

“It’s a featured event for Fleet Week, and is a way to reach out to our neighbors and show them what we do in the Marine Corps,” said Sean W. McHenry, MCRD San Diego Marine Corps Community Ser-

vices’ marketing manager.

After the race, participants and their families checked out some of the interactive displays and booths set up, and also indulged in some food and drinks.

The event pushed participants through a physically and mentally demanding three-mile race around the depot where they consistently had to overcome obstacles and barriers.

Participants not only had to negotiate through the obstacle course, they also had to do it while enduring the drill in-

structors’ “incentive training,” also known as doing whatever exercise a drill instructor orders as quickly as possible. Drill instructors also gave out motivation to make sure participants did not quit.

Despite the difficulty levels of each event, the many participants agreed that the biggest challenge was the competition.

“The most challenging part for me was trying to stay ahead of Jeremy Brown; he’s a great runner,” said Jon A. Clark, the winner of the elite male portion of the three-mile race.

Clark completed the course with a time of 15:48 and was shadowed by Brown the entire time.

“We had an article done in Revolt Magazine about the event,” McHenry said. We also made a video showcasing last years’ Boot Camp Challenge and posted it on YouTube where we got about 1000 hits a month.”

There was a big turnout for the event and was a 15 percent increase in attendance compared to last year, according to McHenry. Next year,

MCCS plans to increase their advertising and marketing to the younger generation, said McHenry.

Individual and team standings: elite male at 15:48, Jon A. Clark; elite female at 23:56, Noel Sill; 3-man team at 21:02, 3 Fort Special; 3-woman team at 23:50, Taft Team Runners; 3-person mixed team at 22:17, G.I. Joe, Gene, Jane; 5-man team at 22:01, The Standard; 5-woman team at 28:39, Be About It; and 5-person mixed team at 22:44, Not at first...but, oh well.



Participants in the Boot Camp Challenge navigate log obstacles while drill instructors encourage them to move faster through the course. Cpl. Shawn Dickens/Chevron

VOTING INFORMATION

Units are required to conduct training for Marines and their families. Each command has a unit voting assistance officer who can answer questions concerning voting.

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